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Ryan Hobbs, Dale Overstreet, Jay Gearing, Kristin Banks, and Jamie Hathaway will lead their respective teams this winter in sports.

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Josh Grimes

## Ingsoc Newspeak Beowulf

### DOWN WITH PREPPIES!

In a recent letter to the editor in **The Purple Clarion** (Oct 29th issue.), there was some kind of madness about drugs at HHS. The comments in that letter enraged some people to the point of conspiracy to commit murder. Anybody know why?

"The rich kids, the ones who are going to make something of themselves, the ones who we are supposed to look up to, the ones who society tells us to be like, are the ones who use drugs." @\$%^&^%@!!!

Please, let's not be too stereotypical here. Drugs do not have a preference to family incomes. Using drugs does not require a fat wallet. The opinion in that letter is as important as

anybody else's, but let us look at why some people may agree with it.

It is no secret that HHS has its cliques as does any other high school. There are preppies, jocks, brains, losers, cowboys, and even some grunge in this great melting pot on College Street. Some people listen to different kinds of music, do different things on weekends, and some people wear odd clothes. But none of the

cliques listed above are the primary drug users. That would be like saying all males are sexist. Neither of the statements are true. That letter stated, "all the best parties end with the police coming and pouring out the alcohol." Why? That doesn't sound very fun.

In conclusion, individualism is the key here. What one wears or who one's friends are does not specify who uses drugs. The letter to the editor strengthens the fact that there is too much stereotypical thinking here at HHS. Let us all remember to keep an open mind and to stay away from drugs.

*" Sometimes it is necessary to cultivate madness."*

- Lawrence Sanders



# Contest

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## Dear Fellow Students,

Throughout the school year, **The Purple Clarion** Staff has published two papers per month. We have decided to only publish one huge paper in December featuring an art contest. Yes, that's right a contest! - which means of course a prize for the winner. Here are the rules:

**\*What do I have to draw?** You can draw any HHS faculty member you like, but only their face! The drawings should reflect how that faculty member would look if they were SCROOGE or The GRINCH!

**\*Who can enter the contest?**  
Any HHS student.

**\*Who are the judges?**  
The Accounting Firm of Smith/Rollins & Smith.

**\* What is the prize?**  
\$25 dollars cash!!!

**\* Deadline?**  
December 14th.

All entries must be in black ink and the winning entry will be The Clarion's Dec. 21st front cover. All entries must be turned in Mr. Harbison. Thank you and may the best artist win!

Sincerely,

*Josh Grimes*  
Josh Grimes

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

The Purple Clarion welcomes letters to the editor and encourages them so there will be communication between students and The Purple Clarion Staff. The Purple Clarion reserves the right to accept or reject letters and edit them for grammar, good taste, and/or libel. Letters must be signed unless prior arrangements are made with the Editor-in-Chief.

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George Fornes

## Roadkill's Horrarshow SLOVOS

Walking into the room, we were greeted by the aroma of freshly made coffee. We ordered our mugs and sat down to a game of chess at the beckoning center table. Kicking back and enjoying the brew, we turned our eyes to the local artwork which decorated the walls. Soon, a guy with a guitar entered and sang his newest song to those who listened. The music gently filled the room and made everybody just a little happier.

The scene just described can be found at The Longbranch, a little coffee shop in Carbondale. It's like an oasis of culture in the downtown area, and it's the only one of its kind I've found around here. The

coffee shop is a place to go to relax - to unwind - even to study. It's a place for thought, really. It offers great caffeine laden beverages plus a nice atmosphere in which to sit down and enjoy it. These are a dying breed in today's fast paced society. As Benjamin Hoff put it, the message of the English coffee house is: **sit down, relax - you're important.** The message of the American hamburger stand is: **Hurry up - you don't count.**

Considering this, what kinds of people can you find at these places? Mostly it's the college English or art major types who buy a mug o' caffeine, spread their books out in front of them,

*"I got the shakes like you wouldn't believe, and I like it!"* -Sam Alderfer

and work on the latest assignment. Study groups often occupy whole tables, discussing ideas over a steaming cup. And of course, there's always the old man sitting in the corner looking through the morning paper. But not in this town.

Around here, shops can only be found near universities, like Daily Grind at U of I or Longbranch by SIU. There are none in Armpit, unless you count John's Cafe (you'd have to be desperate to do that). They do serve the best coffee in Harrisburg and are open all night. However, I once off-handedly asked the waitress if they had ever considered selling Cappuccino, and her response was, "We serve veal parmesean on Wednesdays." Heh, heh. Sad, isn't it?



# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

The Harrisburg High School Cheerleaders would like to congratulate the 1993 football team on a successful season and on winning the conference title. Way to go Dogs!!! Also we would like to thank the student body and the teachers for supporting the team at the games and the pep rallies. Again, we would like to congratulate the football team and the coaches on a successful season.

HHS Cheerleaders



Dear Editor,

Merry Christmas to the thief at HHS!!!! Most of you are probably aware of the fact that there is a thief roaming the halls of our high school. I would just like to know why does this person think they are so special that they can steal things that belong to others? How can you steal from fellow classmates? It makes me wonder what kind of person would do this! With all of the things that were stolen, like purses, jackets, and for heaven's sake a rose, how did these items get out of this high school without one person seeing them? It seems that there is a thief among us so everyone be sure to bolt those lockers!! And as for the thief—I hope Santa puts a great big rock in your stocking!! You get what you deserve!!

One of the many victims,  
Jamie Hathaway

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Shannon Horstmann

## Did You Know?

For most of you who have been here all four years and think that you know everything about this school, you're wrong. This reporter, along with photographer, Jeremy Cook, and by-stander, Angel Gibson, had the chance to explore around and find things that some of the teachers probably do not know about. I admit, I thought I knew all there was to know about HHS, but I was wrong after this journey.

It all started on the bottom floor. There is a lot of space down there that is

not in use. I found an old classroom that had only one window. It was very old and dungeon looking. It was hard to believe that they had class in a room like that. Thanks to Buck (the janitor), we found many things that were quite impressive. Stairs were found down therein that lead to the tunnels underneath the basement. There are three tunnels, one main one and two smaller ones, that are about three feet in diameter. The main tunnel runs underneath the main hallway in the basement. The other two branch off under the cafeteria and under Mr. Trees room to Davenport gym.

Steam pipes run through the tunnels to send heat through the building. "They are just maintenance tunnels," said Buck. The janitors have to get inside these tunnels to work on the pipes a lot.

Buck also took us to the boiler room which is located behind Bonnel Gym. There are stairs that go down about 15 feet underneath the stage. When I got down to this room, I did not realize how deep it really was. It was this huge room with a smaller room connected to it. There were two boilers in the smaller room. One of them is used only if the first one goes out. I am sure everyone had

noticed the slanted concrete ramp and wondered what it was. Before it was fenced up, it was used for trucks to drive up and dump coal into the coal boiler. Today, the boilers run on natural gas so the ramp is no longer in use.

I am sure everyone has walked down the old, slanted, wooden hallway upstairs. Does anyone know why that hallway is slanted? Mr. Craig's, Butler's, and Crutchfield's rooms were all slanted downwards with chairs that made an auditorium. Yes, there was an

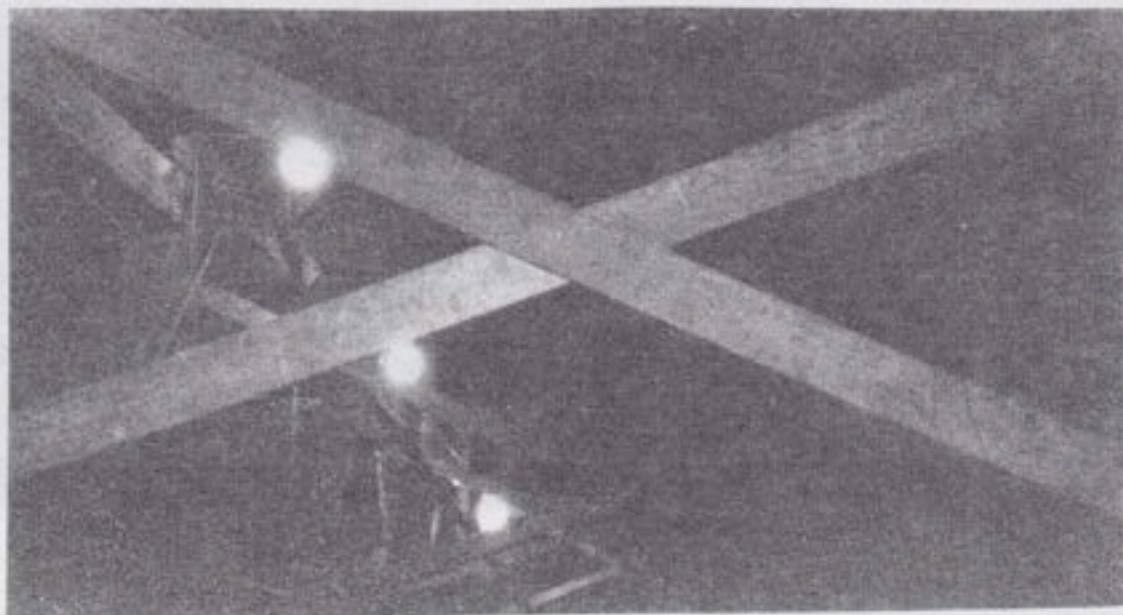


auditorium upstairs. If you have ever looked up at the ceiling and saw a square opening, you are probably smart enough to know that it leads to the attic. Yes, Buck also took me up to the attic. There are three attics. I went up to the one located by Mr. Goodley's room. The attic was definitely the most impressive thing that I saw about HHS. This attic is so big that there use to be rumors going around

that there was a gym up there. When I went up there I did not find a gym, but if there is one word I would use to describe it, it would be INCREDIBLE! It was old and dusty up there. The woodwork was very interesting. There were eight windows including a round spire that has four windows on it. These windows are now painted shut to keep some of the heat in. Someone spent a lot of time building this school. It was weird know-

ing I was walking right over Mr. Crutchfield's room. It was amazing.

I learned a lot about HHS and the structure of it. My journey was a great experience. Being here four years I thought I knew all there was to know about HHS. I learned so much more that I feel like I know everything there is to know about HHS. I could not have gone all of these places without my good friend Buck. Thanks Buck!

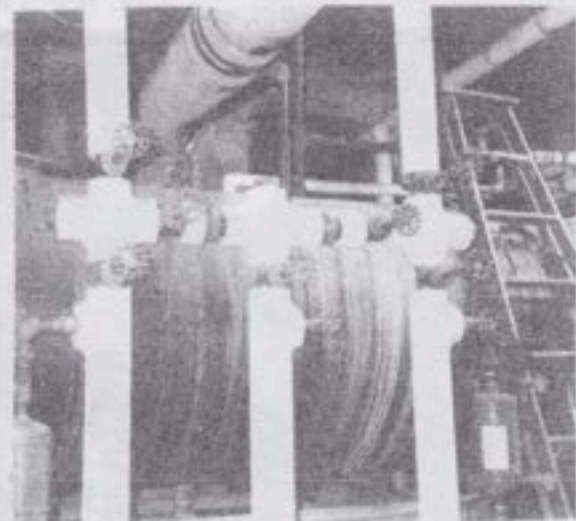


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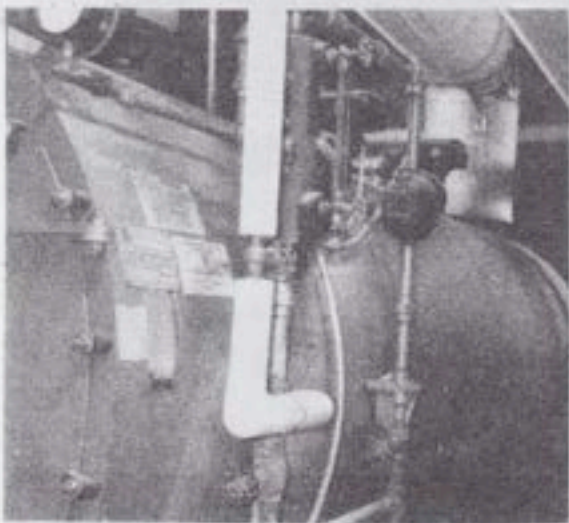
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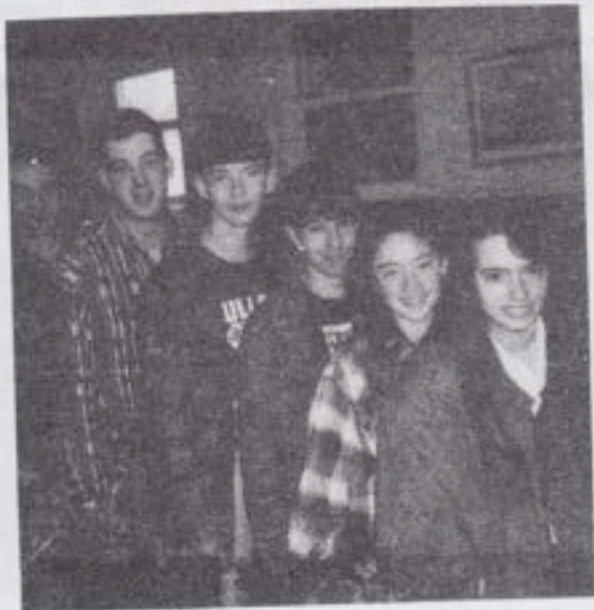
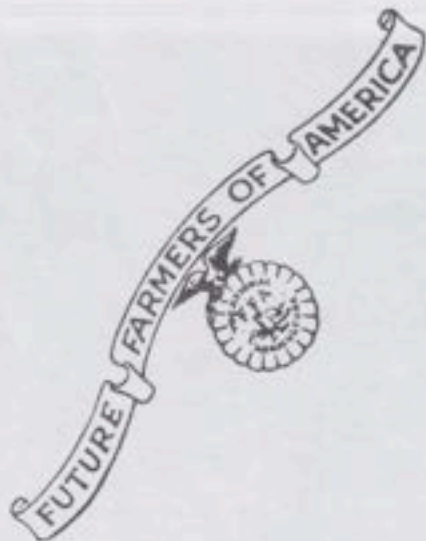
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## Crop Judging Contest

*Aaron Hull*

Harrisburg FFA placed 5th in the Section 25 Crops Contest. Alan Agin, Joddie Harper, Nicole Nease, Robbie Hadley, David Workman, and John Haney participated in the Section 25 FFA Crops Judging Contest. Contestants judged samples of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. They also had to identify 20 common weeds and 20 common crop seeds. Scores from the three highest team members were used to determine team scores. Our team scores were made up of Alan Agin, Joddie Harper, and Nicole Nease.

Gallitin Co. placed 1st, NCOE 2nd, Pope Co. 3rd, and Hardin Co. was 4th in the contest. Other schools participating in order of placings were Galatia, McLeansboro, Massac Co., Joppa, Eldorado, and Marion.





## NBA Comes to Southern Illinois

*Jed Nelson*

including the Japanese gentlemen sitting behind me, although the crowd was not a real factor in the game.

Indiana controlled the opening tip-off, and went on a 10-2 scoring run in the first three minutes, shutting Charlotte down in offensive rebounds.

Charlotte's Larry Johnson was also shut down by the Indiana defense.

Indiana's offense went on a rampage through the entire first half, teaching me my first lesson of the day, there is no word in the Japanese language for dunk, or "doonk", which was all I heard for most of the second quarter.

By Halftime Indiana led 63-49. At

that point the Japanese gentlemen learned a few choice words of the English language. A three quarter court shot contest, with the prize being a very expensive new car, provided the halftime entertainment. Much to Mr. Vogler's relief, he didn't have to give the car away.

In the second half, Charlotte trailed by as many as twenty-two points, but Johnson and the of the Hornets began to come back. Closing to as few as two points early in the final twelve minute period, Charlotte never got closer. Indiana reopened the lead to twelve points, as the Pacers beat the now first place Hornets 119-107.

An MVP award was not given

for the game itself, but, judging by the annoying chants of "Poooooh!" and "Reggeeeeee!", my friends behind me seemed to want to present it to Indiana's Pooh Richardson, and Reggie Miller. I came out of this game thinking that maybe Indiana will improve to maybe the second worst team in the NBA playoffs this year (watch out L.A.). Charlotte, although they lost, will climb to a much higher position than their fifth place finish in the east last year, when Alonzo Mourning decides he wants to play, the Hornets will storm in the Eastern Conference. As for me, I learned how to do a complete NBA play-by-play, in Japanese.



For the first time since the St. Louis Hawks moved to Atlanta in the 1960's, NBA fans in Southern Illinois got to see the NBA in our own back yard. On October 28th, at 7:30 P.M. the Charlotte Hornets and Indiana Pacers collided in the SIU Arena at Carbondale.

Over 9,500 of the arena's 11,000 seats were filled with sports fans from around the area. The Chester Municipal Band was on hand to provide the music. I noticed most of the crowd seemed to be Charlotte fans,

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## Here come the new look Bulldogs!!

Josh Grimes

It is time once again for fast breaks, three pointers, and in your face defense. The Harrisburg Bulldogs are ready to take the floor this season with a new coach and a new starting lineup to begin the year.

Coach Smithpeters takes over the Bulldogs this year replacing Kayo Willis who tragically passed away last spring. He'll implement a new offensive system this year which may hinder the team since they got a late start due to the football team's success. Smithpeters will have three returning starters: Cory Patton, Ryan Hobbs, and All-South Dale Overstreet.

Patton is a three year -starter while Dale was the team's leading scorer last year and was picked on the All-South team by the *Southern Illinoisian*. Dale feels the Dogs can be successful this year if they pull together. He said, "Our coach's new philosophy is that there is no 'I' in team. Even though I keep trying to tell him there's a 'me'."

Ryan Hobbs lived a

high school basketball players dream last year. He went from sitting the bench on the Junior Varsity to starting on the Varsity by the end of the year. Hobbs stated, "Although there are no real standouts on the team, we have a lot of depth."

Depth seems to be the key for the Dogs this year. Smithpeters wants the players to work hard and "to be as good as they can be." They have a lot of talent this year with C. R. Rath and Marty Nichols down low. Jeremy Wilson and Adam Vargo busting three's. Marcus Q. and

Bryce Jerrel will be running the offense while Brandon Reynolds and Brad Ziegler keep everything together. This is a well stacked team.

The goals for this team should be high counting the new conference and a well balanced team, but Coach Smithpeters isn't jumping the gun. He just wants to "compete in the conference." Well, that may take a while but in the mean time, watch out opponents because M-Train Nichols is coming through the lane!




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## The Effects of Smoking on Your Skin

Joseph Bark M.D.  
Dermatologist

It's ironic that when students try to appear more "grown up" by smoking, they may actually, over time, be making their skin look a lot older, in unattractive ways.

Every day of the year, 5,000 more teens and pre-teens try smoking for the first time. According to the Centers for Disease Control, a government agency that keeps track of the nation's health, the average age when students first try cigarettes is 13... and 90 percent of people who become addicted to smoking start before they're eighteen.

It's well known that smoking is bad for your health. But few people know what it can do to their skin: among other things, it accelerates skin aging. On average, smokers will get wrinkles twenty years before their time. Studies show that a smoking habit triples your

chances of getting premature facial wrinkles. Frequent suntanning and drinking, when added to a smoking habit, make people look older, faster.

Another study found that pictures of smoker's faces were estimated, by people who didn't know them, to be four years older than they actually were. This confirms earlier research that found little or no difference in appearance between the skin of a 40-year-old smoker and a 70-year-old non-smoker. The usual effects of smoking on the human face show up in deep wrinkles around the lips and radiating from the corners of the eyes. Years of puckering up the mouth to hold a cigarette and scrunching up the eyes to avoid smoke irritation take their toll on skin.

Other than turning it a yellowish color, smoking has a variety of other documented effects on skin, including the following:

\* In any group of people who've had a skin cancer, it's

the smokers who are statistically more likely to get another one.

\* Smokers is strongly associated with triggering psoriasis and a disorder of the hands and feet called pustolosis.

\* Smoking causes abnormal changes to the elastic fibers found in the deeper, connective tissue layer that is the skin's support structure.

\* Smoking is a handicap should you ever need surgery - - wounds don't heal as fast, and smoker's scars are larger and darker than average.

\* Smoking causes the blood vessels in skin to get smaller, and the blood itself temporarily thicker, while slowing circulation to the fingers and toes.

\* Even people trying to quit using nicotine patches have problems; redness, rashes and swelling resulted in seven percent of people trying to kick the habit.

So, now that you know all of the above, why start?

C.R. Roth

## Grapplers Return

It's the time of year when the ball changes from oblong to round and men put on their wrestling uniforms. An experienced Bulldog wrestling team returns with thoughts of Bloomington dancing in their dreams. Led by seniors Jay Gearing and Aaron Bailey, this team is fired up and ready to go.

Bulldog tradition is strong for the grapplers.

They have gone to State two out of the three last years. Names like Aaron Gulley, Brandon Frantz, and Jamie Satterfield are wrestlers to remember from the Bulldog dynasty. Thoughts of success like those of the past influence wrestlers to lose tons of weight. They will do whatever it takes to lose the weight, they will chew truckloads of gum, run in trashbags, slurp on Slim Fast, and maybe hop in

some kind of dryer ...or something.

Senior Brandon Simmons stated, "With the new conference and Harrisburg being in Class A, we have an excellent chance of going to state as a team." This kind of enthusiasm is felt by many on the wrestling team. Time will tell how good these warriors are, but look out opponents.




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## HHS Thespians Take the Stage



*Traca Allison*

The HHS Thespians had been working for the past ten weeks to prepare for performance of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. It is clear to see that hours of practice have paid off. The first performance was Friday, Nov. 12. The attendance was good.

During practices, things

got a little heated backstage. The actors were trying to hit their cues, while the technical people controlled the lights, sound, and props. After it was all coordinated well enough, practices started to take shape.

When asked, "What did you enjoy most about this play?" Hugh DeNeal, Junior, replied, "I would have to say, is the part in the beginning where I am alone on stage talking to the audience. I know that if I screw up I am on my own and no one will save me. That gives me an extra edge."

Sophomore Sam Alderfer's response to, "What did you like most about your character?" was: "I got to be evil and take out my aggressors and stuff like that."

Some parts of the play hit a tender place in one's heart. There were some parts though, that recieved a chuckle or two from the audience. The actors did a tremendous job. *The Outsiders* was worth going to see.

From a critics eye view, this production recieves two thumbs up.



Hugh DeNeal, Preston Sweat, and Sam Alderfer performed in the play *The Outsiders*.

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Scoreboard		
<p>Congratulations to these football players for placing on the Ohio Division 1st team:</p> <p>Offensive line - Kris Nelson Center-Marc Brown Quarterback-Brad Ziegler Runningback-T.R. Price Defensiveback-Cory Patton Linebacker-Jonah Butler Defensive End-Ben Trees Defensive Lineman-Jim Mahin</p>	<p>Congratulations to these players for placing on the 2nd team:</p> <p>Offensive Lineman-Mike Smith Kicker-Eddie Valente Receiver-Ben Trees Runningback-Jason Roper Defensiveback-Marcus Questelle Linebacker-Martin Nicholes Defensive Lineman-Kris Nelson</p>	<p>Congratulations to these lady spikers for placing on the Ohio Division team:</p> <p>Kristin Banks Kelly Cartwright Amy Molinarolo</p>

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